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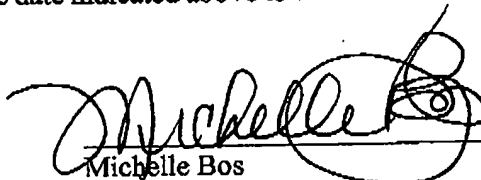
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RESPONSE TO NOTIFICATION OF NON-COMPLIANT APPEAL BRIEF

Sir:

This response is submitted in reply to the Notification of Non-Compliant Appeal Brief dated January 4, 2007. No fees are required with this response.

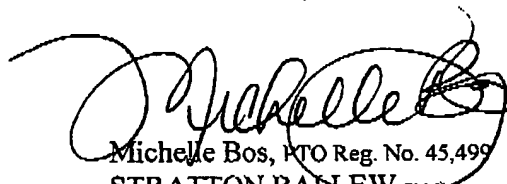
The appeal brief filed November 27, 2006 was found by the Patent Office to be defective. More specifically, the Patent Appeal Center Specialist indicated that the brief failed to provide a concise explanation of the subject matter defined in the claim, and further that the brief failed to include a "Related Proceedings Appendix."

Applicant's attorney spoke with Ms. Bridget Monroe in the Patent Appeal Center on January 8, 2007. Applicant clarified that the application at issue is a plant patent application under Sections 161 et seq. As such, the application contains a single statutory claim identifying the invention as the plant shown and described in the specification. Reference to a particular page, line or figure in the specification is not necessary to define the scope of the claim on appeal. In light of the foregoing explanation, Ms. Monroe agreed to withdraw the requirement that further information be provided regarding the scope of the claimed subject matter.

The appeal brief filed November 27, 2006 included a "Related Proceedings Appendix" labeled as paragraph 10 and found on page 23. This page was somehow skipped in the PTO scanning process, and does not appear in the electronic record. A copy of page 23 is attached hereto for insertion into the appeal brief filed November 27, 2006.

The appeal brief in this case is now in condition for review by the Board. Such action is respectfully requested. Any remaining questions or concerns may be directed to the applicant's attorney who signs below.

Respectfully Submitted,



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10. Related proceedings appendix:

On April 28, 2005, the Board of Patent Appeals and Interferences issued a decision in Application No. 09/590,861, cited as a related appeal in section 2, above. A copy of that decision is attached hereto.